

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please revise paragraph [0017] of the specification as follows:

As seen in FIG 5, the pipe members 31 are formed so as to have a prismatic ~~cross-sectional~~ shape by a known extrusion or drawing method, e.g., by using an ingot of an aluminum alloy for example. A rib 34 that vertically partitions the interior of the pipe member 31 is provided between vertically intermediate inner wall portions of each pipe member 31. A lower portion of each pipe member 31 to which the associated engine hanger 24 is welded ~~is cut out~~ includes a downward cut-out, i.e., toward the engine hanger 24.

Please revise paragraph [0018] of the specification as follows:

[0018] Each of the pipe members 31 is curved in an outwardly convex shape with respect to a longitudinal centerline of said motorcycle frame F at a longitudinally intermediate position of each pipe member when viewed from a top view (FIG. 4), and is curved in an upwardly convex shape with respect to the longitudinal centerline of said motorcycle frame F at the longitudinally intermediate position of each pipe member when viewed from a side view (FIG 1). Further, as can be seen in FIG. 5, a distance between lower portions at the longitudinally intermediate position of each pipe member 31 is greater than a distance between than upper portions at the longitudinally intermediate position of each pipe member 31. Each of the pipe members includes an inner wall 31a and an outer wall 31b; the inner wall 31a is formed with a substantially continuous inwardly and downwardly facing concave surface an overall length of each pipe member and with respect to the vertical direction of each pipe member. The outer wall

31b is formed with a substantially continuous outwardly and upwardly facing convex surface and is substantially parallel with the inner wall 31a. ~~Each pipe member 31 is formed in a vertically, long prismatic shape having an inner wall 31a which is flat substantially through the overall length in the vertical direction and also having an outer wall 31b extending substantially along the inner wall 31a.~~ Each pipe member 31 is bent in a plane PL orthogonal to the inner wall 31a so as to be convex outwards in a sideward direction at a longitudinally intermediate portion of the pipe member 31. After the bending work, both pipe members 31 are connected contiguously to the gussets 22b while tilting so as to approach each other as they extend upward.